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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, HK, US

SUBJECT: GSP -- HONG KONG

REF: STATE 47635

1. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER PRESS GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC POINT OF SINGAPORE'S INCLUSION IN FACE OF HONG KONG'S EXCLUSION.

2. CONGEN PLEASED THAT ODDS HAVE IMPROVED FOR EVENTUAL INCLUSION OF HONG KONG IN SCHEME AND APPRECIATIVE OF VERY USEFUL PRESS GUIDANCE IN REFTEL. WE BELIEVE HKG UNDERSTANDS THAT EXCLUSION FROM INITIAL LIST DOES NOT PRECLUDE ULTIMATE INCLUSION, BUT WE WILL FACE A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH THE PRESS (AND WE HAVE SEEN A FORETASTE OF THIS, THIS WEEK, IN THE PRESS' HOUNDING OF A VISITING EEC COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY) IF SINGAPORE SHOWS UP ON THE "A" LIST NEXT WEEK. IF SINGAPORE IS ABSENT, OUR PR PROBLEM IS ATTENUATED, BUT WE HAVE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES THAT SINGAPORE WILL DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED. IF THIS IS SO, WE URGENTLY (I. E. BEFORE PUBLICATION OF EO) NEED GUIDANCE DIRECTED TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF WHY SINGAPORE IS INCLUDED AND NOT HONG KONG.

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